

Minutes of the Lions Club of Torquay Dinner Meeting at the Lions Village on 22/05/2025

Welcome: President Colin opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed those present, especially acknowledging partners.

Attendance and Apologies: Lions present were John Bell, Colin Bellis, Tricia Blane, Gordon Clarence, Bill Ferguson, Deb Law, Allen Osman, Neil Roche, Esther Rosewall, Catherine Rowe, Anne Sullivan, Bob Tyler, Helen Wilton and Ross Yapp (14) and 7 partners (21 in all).

Apologies were received from Lions Bob Brownlee, Robert Grubb, Barrie Mackie, Alan Muphy, Alan Roy and Harvey Price. Also from partners Christine Tyler and Veronika Bellis.

The formal bits: The Invocation and toast to Lions Clubs International were led by Anne Sullivan, and Helen Wilton read the Lions Purposes.

Special Business:

Colin mentioned the District Changeover lunch to be held in Ararat on Sunday 27 July 2025; and the Club Development Day to be held in Lara on 14 June 2025. Colin will email details.

Catherine invited Lions to join her for the Community Lunch next week – she has booked 4 places.

Dinner: All enjoyed a dinner of roast pork, and an apple crumble (delicious!), with the usual trimmings.

A raffle was conducted, with three prizes won.

Awards and Speaker:

Zone Chair Allen Osman presented a 15-year service award to Lion Tricia Blane. Congratulations Tricia!

This was an excellent lead-in to John Bell formally introducing our speaker for the evening- Tricia Blane. Tricia was both informative and entertaining, recounting the experiences she and partner Peter Cannon have had over a number of years and trips to Timor Leste, focussing on improving education for Timor's young people. It was great to hear about the Geelong-Viqueque Friendship Schools, and to gain insight into the history and culture of one of our nearest neighbours. Tricia finished by 'putting it out there' – that the Club might make an appropriate donation to assist students continue with their education. After some questions, Bill Ferguson proposed a vote of thanks and presented both Tricia and Peter with a Lions pen – from the workshops of the Mt Duneed Men's Shed.

Closure: Ross Yapp read the Lions Ethics, and President Colin formally closed the dinner meeting at 9pm.